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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, UG

SUBJECT: DAILY NATION STRESSES CUBAN, SOVIET ROLES IN UGANDA

1. CITING RELIABLE SOURCES IN NAIROBI, LEAD ARTICLE IN DAILY NATION FEBRUARY 28 REPORTS PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBER OF CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN UGANDA. ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT AT LEAST 2,000 CUBANS ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING IN UGANDAN TOWNS, VILLAGE AND REMOTE AREAS UNDER AEGIS OF UGANDAN-CUBAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS BEGUN IN LATE 1976. CUBANS IN UGANDA, NATION ASSERTS, ARE BELIEVED TO BE "INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL HELPING PROPAGATE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET-STYLE IDEOLOGY IN UGANDA.

2. NATION EDITORIAL SAME DATE ALLEGES THAT SOVIETS ARE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN PRESENT AFFAIR IN UGANDA AND ARE ADVISING AMIN ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH U.S. HOWEVER, IT SUGGESTS SOVIETS ARE NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN AMIN AND WOULD, IN FACT, WELCOME HIS DOWNFALL IF IT

WERE TO LEAD TO MORE DOCTRINAIRE SOCIALIST REGIME.  
EDITORIAL ALSO ASSERTS THAT IN AFTERMATH OF ANGOLA,  
SOVIETS ARE TESTING U.S. IN UGANDA TO SEE HOW SWIFTLY  
NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL REACT.  
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